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Agencies Extend Public Comment Period For Draft EIS About Mountaintop Coal Mining

WASHINGTON D.C. -- Federal and state agencies have extended the comment period for public review of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that recommends new actions to protect Appalachian streams from effects associated with mountaintop coal mining.

The comment period was to close on January 6. It will now close 15 days later on January 21. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. John Forren at U.S. EPA (3EA30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or e-mailed to EPA at mountaintop.r3@epa.gov

The agencies involved in preparation of the draft EIS include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Surface Mining, and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

Information about the draft EIS is available at
http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/hot_topics/29may_envimpact.htm

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Additional information is also available from Suzanne Fournier of the Corps of Engineers at (513) 684-3010, Bonnie Smith of EPA at (215) 814-5543, Mitch Snow of the Fish and Wildlife Service at (202) 208-5634, Mike Gauldin of the Office of Surface Mining at (202) 208-2565, or Jessica Greathouse of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection at (304) 558-4253.